

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As shown in Figs. 2-5, joint 20 may include a plug portion or assembly 22, and a socket portion or assembly 24 that receives plug 22. Plug portion 22 is formed on one of the first and second body part members, such as on pelvis 18, while socket portion 24 is formed on the other of the first and second body part members, such as on torso 16. Socket portion 24 includes a friction assembly 26 that inhibits relative movement between plug portion 22 and socket portion 24. Friction is produced between multiple socket contact regions 28 and plug contact regions 30, also referred to as the operative surface of plug portion 22. In the depicted examples, contact regions ~~are formed on a spherical head of plug portion 22~~ **take the shape of a sphere**, though it should be appreciated that other shapes and configurations may be employed.--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 4, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In the depicted examples, insert 36 has an opening sized to accommodate passage of a shaft 58 that extends away from [[head]] **operative surface** 30 of plug portion 22. Typically, the opening is smaller than the diameter of [[head]] **operative surface** 30, so as to maintain the [[head]] **operative surface** captured and held within socket portion 24. Also, the area around the

opening typically is adapted to contact the ~~[[head]]~~ operative surface of plug portion 24 and urge it toward the frictional contact surfaces of the socket.--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 4, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Socket portion 24 typically includes one or more protrusions 34 extending inward toward the ~~[[head]]~~ operative surface of plug portion 22. The protrusions may be formed on the torso of the doll, as indicated in the figure, or may be manufactured as a separate piece to be inserted during assembly. Protrusions 34 typically are adapted to provide the friction described above, so as to inhibit movement (e.g., rotation) of plug portion 22 within socket portion 24, thereby inhibiting relative movement of the respective members of the toy (e.g., body part members 12). As shown in Figs. 2-5, protrusions 34 may take the form of ribs having contact regions 28 configured to correspond to plug contact region 30. The protrusions shown in Figs. 2-4 have ends that are angled opposite one another to form a V-shaped seat that straddles and receives the ~~[[head]]~~ operative surface of plug portion 22. Alternatively, or additionally, socket contact regions 28 may be concave to provide increased contact with at least a portion of the convex contact region of plug portion 22, as shown in Fig. 5.--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The protrusions themselves may also be aligned towards one another so that the protrusions approach operative surface 30 from different directions, or they may extend parallel to one another from the socket wall. Furthermore, the ends of the protrusions may be angled or formed with a concave contour to complement the concave operative surface ~~of the head~~ of plug portion 22. In addition, the ~~[[head]]~~ operative surface of the plug portion may be provided with

grooves for receiving the protrusions, so as to provide desired constraints on the relative movement permitted between the parts of the toy.--

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 6, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Plug portion 22 may be anchored to the body part member opposite that in which socket portion 24 is mounted, such as to pelvis 18. As shown in Fig. 3, plug portion 22 may have a shaft 58 extending from a ~~head~~ operative surface 30 of the plug portion. At the end of shaft 58, opposite ~~plug contact region~~ operative surface 30, an anchor 60 may be provided to secure the plug portion to pelvis 18, via plug flange 62. Referring to Fig. 4, flange 62 secures plug portion 22 to pelvis 18 by engagement with a pelvis plate 64 located within pelvis 18. As shown, shaft 58 has two flanges 62 that straddle a single pelvis plate 64. Alternatively, pelvis 18 may have a pair of plates, between which a single flange on shaft 58 rests.--